

Union Minister Sarangi inaugurates Inter-IIT sports meet

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The 54th Inter-IIT sports meet was inaugurated at IIT Bhubaneswar. This is for the first time in the history of Inter IIT, a second generation IIT is co-hosting the event.

Eight sports will be organised by IIT Kharagpur while the rest four by IIT Bhubaneswar. Union Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Pratap Sarangi, sprint champion Ms. Dutee Chand, IIT Director Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar were at the inaugural function.

"It is well known that sports have a positive influence on the personal and moral development of youth. Being a positive alternative in the daily lives of students, sports serve as recreation which develops self-esteem, self-discipline and responsibility among the students" said Prof R.V. Raja Kumar.

IIT Bhubaneswar has been prominent among the second generation IITs with largest student intake, prominent rankings across all international and national frameworks, he said.

Union Minister . Pratap Chandra Sarangi, spoke on excellence and the secret to it being in 'ekkagratha, shradha and blessings' which can help anybody to overcome any challenges and obstacles.

He appealed to the students inculcate the spirit of love for the motherhood like the great freedom fighters. He stressed that the motto of life should be committed to the nation, one should always be ready to live and die for the nation. The four events to be co-hosted by IIT Bhubaneswar are Badminton, Squash, Table-tennis, and Volleyball. About 800 students are expected to participate from 22 IITs in the 54th Inter IIT Sports meet. SNS



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